

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended). ~~Device for~~ Locoregional anaesthesia device comprising a punction and electrical stimulation needle ~~(3)~~ fitted with a fixed hub ~~(4)~~, a canula ~~(1, 2)~~ and a catheter ~~(15)~~, ~~this said canula being composed of~~ comprising a shaft ~~(1)~~ and a fixed hub ~~(2)~~ that can be mounted mountable on the hub ~~(4)~~ of the needle, ~~and the catheter being able to slide~~ slidable in the canula, ~~characterised in that the canula has~~ having a longitudinal slit ~~(6, 7)~~ from end to end by through which the canula can be separated laterally from the catheter ~~through this slit~~.

2 (currently amended). Device according to claim 1, in which the hub ~~(2)~~ and the shaft ~~(1)~~ of the canula ~~are made using~~ comprise different synthetic resins.

3 (currently amended). Device according to claim 1 or 2, in which the shaft ~~(1)~~ of the canula has a tapered proximal end ~~(8)~~ glued into the slit ~~(6)~~ in the hub of the canula.

4 (currently amended). Device according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, in which the hub of the canula and the hub of the needle are provided with means ~~(10—13)~~ cooperating to lock the hub of the canula onto the hub of the needle and make release possible by relative rotation of the two hubs.

5 (currently amended). Device according to claim 4, in which ~~the said cooperating locking means are~~ comprise side teeth ~~(10, 11)~~ on the back of the hub of the canula and retaining tabs ~~(12, 13)~~ at the front of the hub of the needle.

6 (currently amended). Device according to ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, in which the slit ~~(7)~~ in the shaft of the canula is normally narrower than the catheter but ~~may move apart~~ expandable to enable the catheter to be forced ~~fitted outside~~ through the slit

~~(6), whereas and the slit (6) in the hub of the canula is wide enough to allow the catheter to pass therethrough.~~

7 (currently amended). Device according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, ~~the wherein said catheter (15) of which is fitted with comprises a fixed hub (16).~~

8 (currently amended). Device according to ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, ~~and which includes~~ further comprising a pack for containing the needle, the canula and the catheter.

9 (currently amended). Canula for a locoregional anaesthesia device according to ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, ~~this said canula being composed of~~ comprising a shaft ~~(1)~~ and a fixed hub ~~(2)~~, ~~characterised in that the said canula has~~ having a longitudinal slit ~~(6, 7)~~ from end to end.

10 (previously presented). Method of manufacturing a canula according to claim 9, in which a slitted hub is made, one end of an unslitted shaft is tapered, this shaft end is inserted into the slit in the hub until it stops in contact with a limit stop and is fixed in this slit by gluing, and the shaft is slitted longitudinally in line with the slit in the hub.